

**EDUCATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA
8TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016– 6:30 P.M.**

Members	Attendance	April 2015- APRIL 2016	
		Present	Absent
Austin Scott, Interim Chair	P	8	3
Gregory T. Boardman	A	6	5
Towana Bonaparte	A	7	4
Dr. Ciara L. Bostick	A	6	5
Shakia Burton	A	1	1
Maureen S. Dinnen	P	8	3
Jennifer Gordon	P	8	1
Spencer Jenkins	A	0	2
Deniece Jones	A	8	3
Jennifer L. Kimmey	P	8	3
Dr. Maureen Persi	A	7	3
Betty Shelley	A	5	3
Dr. Barbara Signer	P	3	0
M. Elaine Wilson	P	6	3
Lauren Wood	A	4	1

**Appointed Members to the Board: 15
Needed to constitute a quorum: 8**

Staff

Junia Robinson, Staff Liaison

Charles Webster, Broward County Public School Liaison

I. Opening and Pledge of Allegiance – Interim Chair, Austin Scott

II. Attendance by Roll Call – Interim Chair, Austin Scott

Determination of quorum

As of this date, September 15th, there are 15 appointed members to the board, which means 8 would constitute a quorum. At this time, there is **NO QUORUM**.

III. Current business

A. Board updates/discussions

Ms. Dinnen suggested more discussion related to Stranahan high school. Interim Chair Scott asked “how feasible is it to have the meeting held at Stranahan”?

Staff Liaison, Junia Robinson cautioned the Board that having meetings outside City Hall can violate the Sunshine Laws.

Ms. Dinnen said “the School Board use to have meetings around the County and I’m sure there can be accommodations for recording”. Ms. Robinson said she will reach out to the City Attorney’s office to find out the direction for having off-site meetings.

Dr. Signer suggested discussions related to training and recruitment for teachers. Mr. Scott asked “do any of our schools benefit from grants for new teachers who work in urban schools”.

Mr. Scott suggested for discussions related to school security. He specifically asked for more detail and protocol with “hard statistics” about school security incidents. Mr. Scott said “the Board can help spread positive information about the safety of our schools.

Dr. Signer said “the day after our meeting, I was reading in the New York Times about charter schools where it came out that the NAACP was against expansion of charter schools, in terms of how it takes from the community”. She continued by saying “I’m not supporting one side or another but I thought that it was very interesting the next day after our discussion”.

Ms. Dinnen said “I also think that this board discussed charter schools about a year ago, and took some sort of position on it”. She continued by saying “I have a very negative attitude towards charter schools having been on the School Board because the charter schools that came before the School Board in Broward County so many of them have been a real dismal failure”.

B. BCPS update – Charles Webster

“Mr. Webster shared that BCPS is asking the State for sufficient funding to pay teachers “first of they don’t make enough in general and try to find a way to provide incentive to work in some of the more difficult schools”. He said they are also looking into teacher salaries as part of “categorical funding” where basically they tell us how to use dollars, so if we had that for various teacher dollars or that can of thing that might help and they may be more inclined to put dollars into that”. Mr. Webster said there is a “teacher shortage that needs to be addressed and that’s one of the things we are hoping to bring to the legislature this session”.

C. City Staff update – Junia Robinson

Junia thanked Jorg Hruschka, Chief Service Officer for filling in for her last month while she was away. Jorg was in attendance and shared the following announcements. Jorg said “the Fort Lauderdale makes a difference day scheduled for Saturday, October 29th. He announced during this event there will be a citywide reading opportunity which includes a book giveaway. Jorg shared whatever books leftover from the book giveaway he will “restock our little libraries that

we have throughout the City". He encouraged the board to donate books, especially adult books and children books to motivate parents to read with their child at a park etc.

IV. New/Future Business

Future discussions/speakers

- Walker elementary Principal
- New River middle Principal
- Stranahan high school Principal
- School Security
- Teacher training/recruitment
- Seagull school

V. Closing

The next meeting is scheduled for, Thursday, October 20th, 2016

City hall, 8th floor conference room